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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA IN SECURITY COUCIL

1. AFRICAN GROUP REBUFFED ALL BRITISH--FRENCH EFFORTS TO MODERATE OR SIDETRACK THEIR RES EXPELLING SOUTH AFRICA FROM UN. AFRICANS NOW DRIVING FOR EXPULSION VOTE TOMORROW AFTERNOON (ESTIMATE AROUND 6:00 P.M. NY TIME) WITH APPARENT BELIEF EVEN TRIPLE VETO WILL FURTHER ISOLATE SAG.

2. BRITISH AND FRENCH REPS TONIGHT CONFIRMED TO SCALI THEIR READINESS JOIN IN VETOING EXPULSION RES. HOWEVER, UK REP RICHARD NOW PROPOSING TO HIS GOVT THAT BRIT--FRENCH DRAFT (OURTEL 4495) BE TABLED
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FORMALLY IN ADVANCE OF VOTE ON EXPULSION RES.

4. RICHARD BELIEVES BRIT--FRENCH RES WLD BE APPROVED, SOFTENING VETO BLOW, AND DEMONSTRATING TO AFRICANS SINCERITY OF EFFORTS TO FORCE SAG TO CHANGE POLICIES. FRENCH REP DE GUIRINGAUD SAYS HE WILL RECOMMEND TO PARIS THAT FRENCH JOIN IN CO-SPONSORING, PROVIDED THAT US PROMISE YES VOTE IF NOT CO-SPONSORSHIP. BOTH BRIT AND FRENCH REPS DOUBT THEIR GOVTS WILL AUTHORIZE TABLING OF RES IF SU PROMISES ONLY TO ABSTAIN.

3. SCALI HAS STRONGLY URGED RICHARD NOT TO TABLE RES, WARNING THAT AFRICANS WILL SEEK TO AMEND IT TO UNACCEPTABLE POINT. SUCH AMENDMENTS CLD SPLIT AMERICAN--BRITISH--FRENCH EFFORT MAINTAIN VETO UNITY, EVEN IN UNLIKELY EVENT SCALI GOT PERMISSION FOR YES VOTE ON TEXT AS IT STANDS.

4. BRIT AND FRENCH BOTH UNHAPPY AT GO-SLOW AMERICAN TACTICS, BELIEVING THIS DELAY DELIBERATE AND HAS DISRUPTED PLAN TO OFFER NEGOTIABLE ALTERNATIVE TEXT. YESTERDAY SCALI HAS ATTRIBUTED AMERICAN FOOT-DRAGGING TO DELAYS IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH SECRETARY. RICHARD AND DEGUIRINGAUD BOTH EMPHASIZED IN STRATEGY SESSION TONIGHT THEIR GOVTS WLD BE HURT MORE THAN USG BY VETO BECAUSE THEY MIGHT BE SUBJECTED TO ECONOMIC AND OTHER RETALIATION WHICH US CLD WITHSTAND FAR MORE EASILY.

5. DE GUIRINGAUD REPORTS HE HAS INFO THAT SOMALIA AS PRESENT HEAD OF OAU, IN EVENT OF TRIPLE VETO, MIGHT GO TO UN ASSEMBLY TO INTRODUCE RES BLAMING THREE WESTERN POWERS FOR PARALYZING EFFORTS TO FORCE SOUTH AFRICAN CHANGES. BRIT ALSO BELIEVE AFRICANS INEVITABLY WILL TURN TO ASSEMBLY FOR SOME KIND OF MOVE, PROBABLY DEPRIVING SAG REP OF RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN DELIBERATIONS WHICH HE CONTINUING TO DO DESPITE EARLIER ASSEMBLY ACTION REGARDING SAG CREDENTIALS.

6. DE GUIRINGAUD BELIEVES BRIT--FRENCH TEXT WLD GAIN MAXIMUM 9 VOTES, IF USG VOTES YES. BOTH
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RICHARD AND DE GUIRINGAUD REPORT THEY WOULD BE INCLINED TO RECOMMEND VETO OF UNACCEPTABLE AMENDMENTS. BUT SCALI POINTED OUT THIS CLD CAUSE SITUATION WHERE UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VETOES MIGHT BE NECESSARY, CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL PICTURE WESTERN POWERS FLINGING VETOES TO PROTECT SAG.

7. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BY 9:00 A.M. NY TIME OCT 30

(1) WHETHER TO CO-SPONSOR BRIT--FRENCH TEXT AS FOLLOW-UP TO
TRIPLE VETO OF EXPULSION RES; (2) INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER TO VOTE
YES, ABSTAIN OR NO. NEGATIVE VOTE AND, PROBABLY,
ABSTENTION WLD BE SUFFICIENT TO DISSUADE BRIT--FRENCH
FROM MOVING AHEAD WITH THEIR RES.

8. SCALI WILL MEET WITH BRIT--FRENCH REPS 9:00 A.M.
NEW YORK TIME ON WEDNESDAY TO REVIEW OUTLOOK.
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